

## *Masses & Services this Week*

<b>Saturday 8th September</b>	4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass: (Stewart Winter RIP)
<b>Sunday 9th</b>	8.00am Mass: (Ray Cook RIP) Morning Prayer & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11.00am Mass: (People of the Parish) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day 4.00pm Evening Prayer with Benediction
<b>Monday 10th</b>	9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Philomena Dowd's Intention) 03
<b>Tuesday 11th</b>	8.00am Mass: (Thierry Christian Gnanakumar RIP)
<b>Wednesday 12th</b> <i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	6.00pm Mass: (Sigitas Raizys RIP) Followed by the Rosary
<b>Thursday 13th</b> <i>St. John Chrysostom</i>	9.15am Morning Prayer 9.30am Mass: (Pat & Mary Anne Burke RIP) Rosary (For the Intentions of St. Norbert's School)
<b>Friday 14th</b> <i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	<b>No Morning Mass</b> 3.00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet Rosary 6.00pm Mass: (Edna Scott RIP) Candlelight Procession & Blessing of the image of Our Lady of Spalding Parish Social/Shared Table
<b>Saturday 15th</b> <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	9.00am Mass: (Holy Souls) (Confessions) 4.00pm Confessions 4.30pm Vigil Mass: (Peter & Pauline McEvoy)
<b>Sunday 16th</b> <i>24th Sunday of the Year (B)</i>	<b>Home Mission Sunday</b> 8.00am Mass: (People of the Parish) 11.00am Mass: (In Thanksgiving) 4.00pm Pre-Baptism Programme (Part One)

*With our prayers and good wishes,  
Fr. Jim & Deacon Dennis*

## PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & SAINT NORBERT

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**9th September 2018      23rd Sunday of the Year (B)      Psalter 3**

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*Congratulations to Kezia Deegbe* who will celebrate her first Holy Communion during the 11.00am Mass today. Our thanks to Ruth Nester who has prepared Kezia for this day.

*Adoremus:* The National Eucharistic Congress concludes today (Sunday); to mark this occasion we will have Benediction this afternoon at 4.00pm.

Today is the final day for submitting application forms for this year's first Holy Communion programme.

**Special Second Collection this Weekend:** As this is officially 'Education Sunday' we are taking up a second collection to provide some resources for our Reception and infant classes in St. Norbert's School – thank you for your support.

**The Meat Raffle is Back This Weekend!** The last draw took place at the end of the 8.00am Mass on the 10th June. Now it is back, by request!. Tickets will be on sale at all Masses this weekend and after our Saturday, 4.30pm & Sunday, 8.00am Masses next weekend. The draw will take place after the 11.00am Mass next Sunday (16th September). The Prize: A £30 meat voucher to be redeemed at Hargraves Butchers, Pinchbeck. Tickets at the usual price – 50p each or 5 tickets for £2.

*Please pray for our sick and housebound parishioners:* Anne Miners, Mary Bull, John Baguley, Marie Tooke, Allison Law, Pat Saville, Margaret Trivett, Audrey Cook, Marcello Viglianti, Maria Dowling, Rosetta Le Compte, Elvira Choma, Ros Mullholland-Gullick, Jean Fairbanks, Rosemarie & Peter Anderton, Norma Yaxley, Tony Ball, Jesus Moniente, Linda Lawless, Mike & Susan Bertolaso, Mollie Coaten, Mary Naughton, Norman Coleman, Sylvia Hayden, Katherine McLoughlin, Patrick King, The Taylor Family, Mons. Jonathan Moore, Pat Baxter, Rita Gensiorskyj, Manfred Haacker, June Burrell, Maurice Cranney, Helen Henry, Philip Chandler, Maria Sharples, Fr. Oliver Martin O.Praem, Brian Stout, Mike van der Weyden, Alison Merryman-Marx, Fr. Eamonn O'Hara, Canon Michael Bell, Fr. Stephan Foster, Maddie Scott & Pat O'Neill.

servers, please let Fr. Jim know if you will be attending this Mass, thank you.

**"Still the Same People"** – A Diocesan Day for people involved with dementia and its care – **Saturday, October 6th** - At the request of Bishop Patrick, 'SPANNED' (which is the Diocesan Commission working with people with special needs within our Diocese) is seeking to set up a strategy in the diocese to support people living with dementia and those who care for them.

There will be a special Diocesan Day for anyone who would like to be involved in this work or has any reason to think they might benefit from it, at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Centre, Uttoxeter Road, Mickleover, Derby from 11.00am–3.00pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Drinks will be provided. Fr. Jim will be attending this event, and would like to hear from anyone who would be interested in working with people with dementia and supporting their families in our parish; please contact him as soon as possible. (01775 722056 – option '2', or email: fr.jim@stnorberts.org.uk).

**The Ukulele Orchestra of Spalding** (featuring many familiar faces!) are returning to our Community Hall on Friday, 5th October. As always, a great night of music, song and fun is guaranteed. Refreshments will be served, a Raffle (of course!) and Licensed Bar. Tickets are priced at just £7.00 **and are now available after all Masses, from the Repository Stall in the narthex or the parish office.**

**Parish Trip to Ireland 2019:** Fr. Jim is celebrating his Silver Jubilee in 2019. After spending two years at Campion House, Osterley, (London) he completed his preparations for the priesthood in St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny, Ireland. To mark his jubilee year, for those interested, he is willing to organise a sightseeing trip to Ireland.

**Church Content Sale** at the Methodist Church ('next door') on Friday, 21st September from 10.00am–2.00pm. You are invited to go along and see what is on offer. Reasonable offers will be accepted for all items available. Refreshments will be served.

**Moving forward** it was suggested that we need a mission team to work on moving the parish forward. It was pointed out that there were many positive comments received – not least the parish – school partnership and visa-versa and this should continue. Mary (Hurst) will soon be leaving the parish, so we need to appoint someone to act as Chair of any ‘Mission Team’ - there will be an open meeting to discuss this on Wednesday, 3rd October at 7.00pm – everyone is invited.

Members of the Sion Community will be returning to the parish on Sunday, 21st October for a post mission meeting, to which all are invited, more details will be given in the coming weeks.

**14th September** is the Feast of the Exaltation of Holy Cross. Fr. Jim is very grateful to Delon Kuriakose who has produced a programme which will include the celebration of Mass followed by a candlelight procession and blessing of the statue of Our Lady of Spalding. It’s a lovely way to remember the people, priests and brothers who have served ‘The Spalding Mission’ since it was established in 1785. The programme is as follows:

3.00pm Divine Mercy Devotion followed by Chain Rosary.

6.00pm Mass which will include veneration of the relic containing a splinter of the True Cross.

Assemble in the Grotto for a short prayer before the image of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Candlelight Procession from the Grotto to the image of the statue of Our Lady of Spalding.

The service will conclude with the blessing of the image of Our lady of Spalding;

**After our celebration we are invited to go to the our Community Hall for a Share Table** (please bring a dish to share). There will also be some entertainment for us to enjoy provided by the children – please, come and celebrate with us.

**Annual Diocesan Mass for Altar Servers:** Bishop Patrick invites altar servers from across our diocese to join him for Mass in our cathedral in Nottingham on Saturday, 22nd September at 11.00am. Altar

**Please Pray** for the happy repose of the soul of Mrs, Bernadette (‘Bernie’) Blades who died recently. May she rest in peace. Funeral arrangements to follow.

*Please also remember:* Thomas Igoe, Martin Hughes, James White, May Stokes, Stewart Winter, Mary Tomlinson, Kieron Corrigan, Ian Ledwith, Joan Edmondson, Marcus Hart, Pat Burke, Mary Zammitt-Haber, Joyce Jansen and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.*

**Baptism:** If you are planning to have your child baptised in the parish, please obtain an application form from the sacristy or from the Parish Office. **The next pre-baptism programme begins next weekend and spans over two weekends (16th & 23rd September) at 4.00pm in the Walsingham Chapel.** Parents are expected to attend both meetings.

**First Holy Communion 2019:** As you will have noted on the opposite page, today is the final day for submitting your application forms for this year’s programme. A meeting for parents will take place on Monday, 17th September at 7.00pm in church. The children’s programme begins the following evening, Tuesday, 18th September, at 5.15pm.

**Confirmation 2019:** Bishop Patrick will be with us to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, 21st June 2019. We are now inviting our young people to submit their applications. Those presenting themselves must be in Year 7 or higher. They are expected to attend Mass regularly. Application forms are available from the sacristy or the parish office.

**If you are planning to get married,** please note that we need at least six months notice.

**PARISH FINANCE:** Last week you gave: **Not Known**

**Second Collections During September:**

**This week:** Education Sunday, 2nd collection to resource our

Reception Class, St. Norbert's School.

**Next weekend:** The Home Mission  
29th/30th: Parish Maintenance Fund

**Counter's Rota**—This week's counters: Norma & Rosetta; **next week:** Teresa & Martin.

**Mass Intentions:** From time to time we get asked about Mass intentions, what are they, how do I go about having a Mass intention offered, etc. It is a wonderful act of charity to have a Mass offered for someone and to place that person at the heart of the greatest prayer of the Church, imploring the grace of God for them. It is a wonderful act of faith to have a Mass offered for someone as through the prayer of the Mass we place those living or dead, be they our loved ones or others, at the heart of God in communion with Christ and His Church. The graces that flow from the Mass are not simply for ourselves—please consider others you may wish to have Mass offered for. Mass Intentions can be said for any occasion and for someone, or for a special intention. Examples you might find helpful are:- for an anniversary, a birthday, for someone who is ill or about to undergo an operation, for someone about to be married or for a loved one who is deceased. Sometimes people have Masses offered for peace in our troubled world or for a global concern. We do have some envelopes at the back of church for Mass Intentions, but any envelope will do, but please mark the intention clearly on the envelope, and if it is for a person who has died, please mark it 'RIP'. We are very fortunate that people tend to give what they can afford for a Mass, this helps when people genuinely forget or perhaps would find it difficult to donate the suggested stipend; the Bishop's Conference has set a guideline of £10 as an appropriate offering, but you should give only you can afford. At the weekend you will see that Mass is always offered for 'People of the Parish': the parish priest is obliged to say one Mass each Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation for those entrusted to him. Mass Intentions for each coming week are mentioned on the back page in the newsletter.

If you would like Mass on a special date, please book the date in our diary as soon as possible. Sometimes if parishioners want a specific Mass; Saturday at 4.30pm for example, you may have to wait quite a

while until there is space in the diary. If you have requested a Mass and you are not sure if that Mass has been said, please feel free to check with us. The people who normally deal with Mass requests are Katherine, in the parish office, or Fr. Jim.

**THANK YOU:** Mary Battley would like to express grateful thanks to all who sent cards of sympathy, condolences and flowers on the death of her husband Ken.

**The Diocesan Sick & Retired Priests Fund:** As you know, each parish was given a quota to provide provision for the sick and retired priests of our diocese. Each parish was given five years to reach their targets and some are taking longer than others. We are now entering into our seventh year and we still have an outstanding balance of £6,913.74 to raise. At last week's parish finance committee meeting it was decided that the funds generated by the meat raffle will go towards this fund.

**MISSIO RED BOX APPEAL:** A message to all Red Box holders—It's time to hand your Red Boxes in for counting. You can hand them in to one of the clergy, the sacristy or parish office and they will be returned to the narthex for your collection. For more information, or if you are interested in taking a box to support the foreign missions, please contact Sharon on 01775 760793.

**PARISH MISSION 2018:** Sincere thanks to all those who turned up for our post mission meeting. A very open and honest discussion took place under the leadership of Mary Hurst. A vote of thanks was given to the many people who worked so hard in preparation, during and after the Mission. Fr. Jim reported that the parish finance committee has also gave praise and thanks to the Mission Team for their hard work, and also to those who donated funds, time and talent to make the mission a success, despite the general poor attendance. There will be a social gathering for all those who planned or participated in the Mission in any way—this will take place on Wednesday, 26th September at 7.00pm. We would like you to place your name on the list at the back of the church if you are able to attend.